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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Abzug Concern With CIA Record Destruction Plans

1. Jim O'Neill, Deputy Archivist, called me this morning to report that late last night Tim Ingram of Congresswoman Abzug's staff called him to discuss the letter Mr. Bush had sent to Senators Scott and Mansfield concerning the destruction of records. Ingram was concerned and thought NARS should be concerned that CIA apparently intends to destroy records contrary to law. Ingram read portions of the letter to O'Neill, who also was not certain that it indicated CIA intentions would be entirely satisfactory to NARS, in particular the matter of CIA compliance with the Federal Records Act. I assured him that of course we are fully aware of that Act and as Mr. Bush's letter indicated our intention is to dispose of records entirely in keeping with all applicable law. Dr. O'Neill indicated he was sure that was our intention. He further suggested that when he receives a copy of Bush's letter, which Ingram had promised to send him, he might want to send to us the draft of a letter from the Archivist to Mr. Bush which would record once again, in an exchange between our two agencies, our assurance to the Archivist that our records destruction program will continue to be in accordance with law. (An exchange of this nature between Archivist Rhoads and Mr. Colby took place some months ago.) I promised to send Dr. O'Neill a copy of the Bush letter also, thinking that it might reach him earlier than the copy from Mr. Ingram.

2. O'Neill has the impression from Ingram that Abzug is quite upset by the Bush letter. Ingram also complained that he had a call in to [redacted] and as yet not had a reply. (Sue and Lu have no knowledge of a call from Ingram.) O'Neill said that his own judgment of Ingram is that Ingram probably believes that CIA has engaged in misdeeds and is not above action to destroy the evidence.

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3. Ingram told O'Neill that at a recent session at American University a CIAer told him that CIA had two destruction schedules--one that it furnishes to NARS, and a secret one which it really uses.



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